

## Treasures of Europe Grand Journey: Portugal to Switzerland



**Tour Name:** Treasures of Europe Grand Journey: Portugal to Switzerland

**Tour Code:** CL2V

**Days:** 86

### Day 1 **Lisbon**

**Tue, 30 Jun**

Welcome to Lisbon, the capital of Portugal and one of the oldest cities in Western Europe. Scattered across the peaks and valleys of seven hills, alongside the Tagus river, parts of the city date back to the 8th century with winding cobblestone lanes, colourful Moorish architecture and trendy converted warehouses. Lisbon is consistently named one of Europe's coolest capitals and you'll soon be charmed by its sophisticated approach to design, art, food and culture. Check in to your hotel for a three night stay.

### Day 2 **Lisbon (B)**

**Wed, 01 Jul**

Your first morning in Lisbon starts with a guided tour. The city has a long and fascinating history; founded in 1200BC, it was ruled by the Moors for more than 400 years, led the oceanic Age of Exploration and was almost completely rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in 1755.

#### **Freechoice:**

Today's Scenic Freechoice options:

**High seas history:** Visit the Maritime Museum and learn the nautical history of this once dominant seafaring nation. Set inside the Jerónimos Monastery, the museum is home to more than 23,000 pieces that chart Portugal's maritime triumphs across seven centuries.

**Visit Sintra & Palacio Nacional:** Board your coach and visit the hilltop town of Sintra, around 45 minutes outside of Lisbon. Explore Sintra on an orientation tour and visit the national monument, Palacio Nacional. Perched high above the town, the palace is a glorious blend of Moorish and Portuguese Gothic architecture topped with twin conical chimneys. This well-preserved medieval palace was a favourite location of Portuguese Nobility and was a royal residence for nearly 500 years.

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**Day 3**  
**Thu, 02 Jul**

**Lisbon (B,D)**

Today is yours to enjoy. Perhaps hop aboard the number 28 tram, which winds through the city's narrowest streets, up steep hills and incredibly close to buildings. Art lovers can head for the Museum of Art, Architecture, and Technology (MAAT), spread across an historic power station and a new futuristic building on the bank of the Tagus river. Inside, you'll find the country's most impressive collection of Portuguese contemporary art alongside regular rotation of visiting exhibitions. This evening you will join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a delicious dinner.

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**Day 4**  
**Fri, 03 Jul**

**Lisbon > Porto (B,D)**

Your journey via Coimbra takes you to Porto where you'll board the luxurious Scenic Azure.

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**Day 5**  
**Sat, 04 Jul**

**Porto (B,L,D)**

Wake in the city of Porto, a 2,000-year-old city that lent its name to the nation of Portugal. And while it is awash in history, it has a youthful vibe. Porto is both hip yet opulent, where street art adorns ancient city walls and historical buildings are decorated with intricate colourful tiles.

**Freechoice:**

Explore the region with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Guided tour of Porto: Discover the rich culture and history of Porto on this guided tour, which includes a visit to the iconic Palacio da Bolsa. Located in the heart of the city, this 19th-century neoclassical building boasts stunning architecture and intricate detail, including the Arab Room, adorned with stunning Moorish-inspired decorations and with a ceiling made entirely of gold leaf. After your guided tour you have ample free time so why not explore the Bolhão Markets? This historic market has been in operation since 1914 and offers visitors a glimpse into the local food and culture. It's a great way to mingle with locals and enjoy the bustling atmosphere.

Active tour of Porto including cable car: Walk from the ship to board a rabelo (a traditional wooden cargo boat). Travel from Porto to Gaia (or Vila Nova de Gaia) where you'll take a cable car ride to the Dom Luis bridge, which crosses the Douro River. Walk across the bridge towards Porto Cathedral, Sao Bento railway station, and the bustling street of Rua das Flores.

Decorative blue tiles are synonymous with Portugal and this afternoon you will learn about their history while creating a masterpiece of your own during a tile painting workshop.

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**Day 6**  
**Sun, 05 Jul**

**Entre-os-Rios > Regua (B,L,D)**

Your first port of call along the Douro is the quaint village of Entre-os-Rios. From here, you will set out to explore the verdant Douro Valley, with options to enjoy a hike, sample local wines, or visit a city known as the 'cradle of Portugal'.

**Freechoice:**

Choose from one of today's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Paiva Walkways: Explore nature at its finest on an active hike along the Paiva River. A wooden walkway snakes its way down a rocky hillside in Arouca Geopark, a UNESCO Global Geopark comprising a mountainscape carved by rivers, and the longest suspended pedestrian bridge in the world, at 520 metres long. This active tour requires a high degree of fitness due to a large number of stairs, uneven terrain and a walking distance of approximately 4 kilometres.

Quinta da Aveleda: Transfer by coach to this 150-year-old wine producer for a tour and tasting. Explore the fairytale-like property of Quinta Aveleda, a renowned sparkling wine producer set on an impressive estate. A highlight of this tour are the enchanting gardens.

Excursion to Guimarães: Fondly referred to as the birthplace of Portugal, Guimarães was the seat of the first King of Portugal and home to the impressive Ducal Palace. Visit the well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage-listed city and explore the palace, which dates to the 15th century and displays an historic collection of tapestries, furniture, ceramics, weapons and more. You will also have free time to explore the city on your own.

Relax on board this afternoon as you cruise to Regua, the largest of the riverside towns and an excellent base for exploring the Douro Valley. This region is famous for producing Port wine, with rolling vineyards on the terraced hillsides and wineries dating back to the 18th century. Upon arrival this afternoon you can enjoy a visit to the excellent Douro Museum.

Learn about the history, culture and traditions of the region of the Douro Valley at Douro Museum. It's set in a fully restored 18th century building that once housed The Company, which was responsible for the demarcation of Douro wines, as well as being a place where wines and winemaking tools were stored. After the museum visit, enjoy a drink of local port or port tonic on the terrace overlooking the magnificent Douro Valley.

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**Day 7**  
**Mon, 06 Jul**

**Regua (B,L,D)**

This morning join you fellow guests for an excursion to the Varosa Valley, the first demarcation region of sparkling wine. Visit the charming village of Tarouca where you'll explore the restored Monastery of Saint John of Tarouca. Walk the fortified bridge of Ucanha, Portugal's first toll bridge spanning the Varosa River which was built during the 14th and 15th centuries.

**Freechoice:**

Choose one of this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Excursion to Lamego:** Take a coach to the town of Lamego, nestled among terraced vineyards that were the first to produce world-famous port wine. The city prospered in the 18th century and is a fascinating place to wander, with its many fine Baroque structures. Your tour will culminate at the stunning Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, standing gracefully overlooking the town. The front of the cathedral is lined by a zigzagged staircase decorated in traditional blue and white tiled mosaics leading down to the town centre. You will have the option to take a self-guided tour of the museum and will be offered a tasting of local produce.

**Mateus Palace:** Transfer by coach to Mateus Palace, considered one of the best examples of Baroque civil architecture in Portugal. Built in the first half of the 18th century, the former family home features rooms with original furniture and ornately carved ceilings; a library that contains one of the first illustrated editions of Os Lusíadas, Portugal's most significant epic poem; and a manicured garden dotted with statues, hedges, a cypress tunnel and reflective ponds.

**Port Wine Blending Class:** Ever wanted to know how an oenologist creates their beautiful blends? Well today you will find out. Visit Quinta de Pacheca and marvel at the glorious vineyards and old cellar before taking a hands on workshop where you will learn about the blending process.

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**Day 8**  
**Tue, 07 Jul**

**Regua > Vega de Terron (B,L,D)**

Today you'll enjoy a relaxing day on board, as you sail towards Vega de Terron.

Spend the morning soaking up the sunshine on the Sun Deck as you enjoy the Douro scenery rolling during a full day cruise through the Douro Valley's Vinhateiro wine growing region. A World Heritage-listed Site, Vinhateiro has a history of wine production that stretches back for 2,000 years. In fact, its impeccable port wines have been world-famous since at least the 18th century.

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**Day 9**  
**Wed, 08 Jul**

**Vega de Terron > Salamanca (B,L,D)**

Wake this morning in the city of Vega de Terron, located on the border of Portugal and Spain and at the confluence of the Douro and Águeda rivers. This small town remains beautifully unspoiled, with quiet streets, lush landscapes and welcoming locals. It's a popular gateway to the university town of Salamanca, which you will have the opportunity to explore today.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with one of today's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Salamanca Full Day Excursion:** Known as the 'golden city' for its honey-coloured sandstone architecture. Salamanca is home to two cathedrals, one dating to the 12th century and the other to the 16th century, which you will see on today's guided tour. You will also visit a market to taste local delicacies such as olives, cheese and smoked ham, and you'll have free time to explore and enjoy lunch at your leisure.

**Freixo de Espada à Cinta with silk museum:** Visit the village of Freixo de Espada à Cinta. Legend has it the Dinis King of Portugal founded the town in the 14th century. The town is also the only place in Portugal where handcrafted silk is still processed entirely by hand, and on this guided tour you will visit a silk museum.

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**Day 10**  
**Thu, 09 Jul**

**Pocinho > Pinhao (B,L,D)**

Wake in the village of Pocinho, established as the terminus of the Douro Railway in 1887, a great location to explore more of the Douro Valley.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Côa Valley Museum:** Transfer by coach to the Côa Valley Museum. The museum is a great introduction to the region's paleolithic rock art sites through original artefacts and digital technology; on your visit you'll enjoy a pre-historic workshop.

**Tastes of the Côa Valley:** Visit Casa Painova estate for a demonstration on how sweet almonds are produced and learn how these nuts are harvested and used in desserts and pastries. Enjoy a tasting of almonds, olives and fruit products.

This afternoon, relax as you cruise towards Pinhão.

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**Day 11**  
**Fri, 10 Jul**

**Pinhão (B,L,D)**

Wake this morning in Pinhão, set on one of the prettiest parts of the Douro River. This small village is surrounded by terraced vineyards and produces exceptional port wine.

This morning, transfer to the charming village of Provesende, located on a plateau with spectacular views of the region's fertile rolling landscape. Wander through the village and visit the church, discover the old bakery, learn how traditional handicraft is made, and look inside the historic manor house, Morgadio da Calçada, where you'll enjoy a tasting of delicious bola.

**Freechoice:**

Choose one of this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Kayaking along the Pinhão River:** Explore this beautiful region as you glide past impressive landscapes of terraced vineyards, patchworked farmland and sprawling estates via kayak on the Pinhao River, a tributary of the Douro.

**Quinta vineyard hiking:** Take a guided hike through the breathtaking vineyards of Quinta in the Douro Valley. Enjoy stunning views across the Douro River, learn about the winemaking process and sample some of their wines.

**Quinta tasting:** Visit Quinta da Roêda estate for a tasting of the region's most famous export. On a guided walking tour, you'll learn the secrets of the vineyard. Finish in the estate's visitors' centre, housed in the old stables that have been restored in traditional Douro style, the perfect location for a tasting of port wines.

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**Day 12**  
**Sat, 11 Jul**

**Pinhao > Porto (B,L,D)**

Enjoy time at leisure as you continue to sail along the spectacular Douro River. Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive back in Porto this afternoon, where you'll experience an exclusive classical concert tonight.

**Enrich**

This evening's Scenic Enrich:

**Classical concert in Sao Francisco Church:** From the ship, take a short walk (with some stairs) to Sao Francisco Church, which is one of the most iconic sites in Porto. Built in the 13th century, the Gothic church has an alter decorated with intricately carved wood swathed in gold. All guests will enjoy a performance of classical music.

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**Day 13**  
**Sun, 12 Jul**

**Porto (B,L,D)**

Wake in Porto, ready for a day of unique experiences, whether that be a ride on a traditional boat, playing a round of golf or sampling wine in one of the most famous cellars in the city.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with one of today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Excursion to Aveiro with a cruise:** Take a coach to Aveiro, a city resplendent in Art Nouveau architecture and famed for its canals. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city and cruise the waterways in a brightly coloured moliceiros flat-bottomed boat.

**Round of golf:** Golfing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to tee off here in Porto, a city known for its top golf courses. Play 6 holes at the Quinta do Fojo Golf club, one of Porto's most popular courses. Quinta do Fojo is a spectacular course set in a walled estate which houses gardens, lakes, woods and a historical Manor House, founded in 1714. This activity is for experienced golfers only and to participate guests must bring their 'Golf Handicap Certificate'. If this is not provided you will be unable to participate in this Scenic Freechoice activity. It is recommended that participants bring sunscreen and a hat with them.

**Wine tasting in Vila Nova de Gaia:** Travel to Vila Nova de Gaia to visit one of Porto's most famous cellars, Cockburn's Port. Enjoy a guided visit and a tasting.

This afternoon you will have free time in Porto to explore the city at your own leisure. Return to your Scenic Space-Ship this evening for a farewell dinner.

This evening you will take an illumination cruise through Porto to see the city lit up at night, including the bridges that span the Douro.

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**Day 14**  
**Mon, 13 Jul**

**Porto > Bordeaux (B,D)**

Board an included flight from Porto to Bordeaux where you will be welcomed on board by the friendly crew of the Scenic Diamond.

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**Day 15**  
**Tue, 14 Jul**

**Bordeaux > Saint-Émilion (B,L,D)**

This morning is spent on board relaxing as you cruise into the beautiful 13th century port of Libourne. Head up to the Sun Deck to bask in the sunshine and enjoy the scenery along the Dordogne River rolling by. Or perhaps drop into Scenic Culinaire for a French cooking class. Spend the afternoon in the nearby town of Saint-Émilion, a World Heritage-listed medieval village with world-famous wineries, beautiful architecture and historic monuments. You will enjoy a guided tour of the caves and catacombs beneath the city, including a Monolithic church built from limestone, whose 38-metre-long bell tower can be seen above ground. This evening your Scenic Space-Ship will be docked overnight in Libourne.

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**Day 16**  
**Wed, 15 Jul**

**Libourne > Fort Medoc (B,L,D)**

**Freechoice:**

Choose from one of these Scenic Freechoice activities:

Walking tour of Libourne: Join your local guide for a walking tour of Libourne, the fortified harbour town with a rich history linked to the trade of wool, wine, salt and wood.

Wine tasting at Château Siaurac: Located in the prestigious Pomerol wine-growing region, Château Siaurac is the largest and most iconic estate of the appellation.

Biking and tasting at Château Siaurac: Cycle through this acclaimed wine-growing region to the impressive estate of Château Siaurac where you will learn about the wines produced at this property and enjoy a tasting.

Paint and Pour: Join a local artist for a class on the Sun Deck of Scenic Diamond. Enjoy the magnificent river views, learn watercolour techniques and create your own masterpiece while sipping on delicious local wines. This afternoon your Scenic Space-Ship will sail onwards to Fort Medoc where you will dock overnight.

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**Day 17**  
**Thu, 16 Jul**

**Fort Medoc (B,L,D)**

The name Médoc is synonymous with exceptional wines. Considered the world's leading red wine producer, Médoc has been a winemaking region since the 18th century. Today you will have the chance to explore this remarkable wine region.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with a Scenic Freechoice excursion:

Medoc wine tasting by coach: With more than 16,000 hectares of vineyards across eight appellations, Medoc is home to the epic 'Route des Châteaux', or 'Route of Castles'. On this coach tour you will travel through this scenic region to a local winery and enjoy a tasting of their wines.

Medoc wine tasting by bicycle: Discover the spectacular Médoc countryside by e-bike today and see many grand aristocratic châteaux in the world's leading red wine producing region. Afterwards, sample the region's finest at one of the prestigious estates.

**Enrich**

Tonight, enjoy an exclusive Scenic Enrich experience:

Classical Concert at Château d'Agassac: Set in spectacular surrounds in the Médoc countryside, Château d'Agassac is truly enchanting. Dating back to the 13th century the Château is one of the oldest winemaking establishments in the region and is the venue for your unforgettable evening concert.

Wander through the château and its gardens and soak in the ambiance of this magnificent property before a string quartet performs classical masterpieces for your enjoyment.

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**Day 18**  
**Fri, 17 Jul**

**Cadillac (B,L,D)**

This morning will be spent cruising towards Cadillac.

Founded in the 13th century, the charming, fortified city of Cadillac is centred around its magnificent château. Seventeenth century French explorer Anthony Laumet rose high in the French fur trade and in 1701 established the port of Fort Pontchartrain du Détroit, which would become modern day Detroit where the American auto industry began. The Cadillac car is named in his honour.

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**Day 19**  
**Sat, 18 Jul**

**Cadillac (B,L,D)**

Today you have the choice between many different experiences in the region surrounding Cadillac, from its bucolic countryside to its historic castles.

**Freechoice:**

This morning explore your way with one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Sauternes by coach:** Venture into the Sauternes region with a visit to either Château Rayne Vigneau or Château La Tour Blanche (the group will be split into two). Enjoy a delicious tasting of the chateau's fine wines as you take in the stunning views of the vineyard and surrounds.

**Sauternes by bike:** Cycle through the rolling vineyards of Sauternes to the Grand Cru Classé estate of Château Mayne la Merci for a tasting. Learn the history of winemaking here and the process involved in production from time of harvest, grape to wine, length of maturing and, of course, the tasting pleasure.

**Freechoice:**

Choose from this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Roquetaillade Castle:** The first fortress here was built by Charlemagne, or Charles the Great, in the 10th century. Today, the architectural jewel of Roquetaillade Castle, which comprises two castles and a chapel, dates from around the 13th century. You'll tour the castle with the family whose ancestors have resided here for more than 700 years.

**Biking to Château Benauges:** Join a local guide as you cycle through the landscapes of the Gironde towards the impressive Château Benauges. The Château, which dates to the 11th century, maintains a strategic position at one of the highest points of the Gironde allowing for breathtaking views.

**Château Toulouse-Lautrec:** This historic estate dates back over five centuries and is considered one of the oldest estates in the region. Château Toulouse-Lautrec was the family home of renowned French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. During a guided tour you will discover the historic rooms of the estate including the apartments of the famous painter, which still house some of his greatest works.

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**Day 20**  
**Sun, 19 Jul**

**Bordeaux (B,L,D)**

This morning you will wake in the fascinating city of Bordeaux, which you can explore by foot, bike or through a cooking class. It has been an important trading port since the Middle Ages, thanks to its strategic location on the river flowing to a sea port.

**Freechoice:**

The choice is yours with this morning's Scenic Freechoice:

**Guided tour of Bordeaux:** Join your local guide on a tour of Bordeaux. Discover the highlights of the city by coach and on foot, such as the magnificent Gothic cathedral and Place de la Bourse, which is home to the famous 'Water Mirror.' Along the way, you'll learn interesting facts about the city's history, culture and way of life. Afterwards you'll have free time to explore the streets and go shopping at your leisure.

**Cycling tour of Bordeaux:** Pedal through historic Bordeaux on a guided cycling tour. Cross bridges to see the Royal Gate and the Palais Rohan, relax in pretty public gardens and sample delicious treats such as canelé, a custard cake.

**Shop with a chef & Scenic Culinaire:** Gourmands can join Scenic's on board chef on a visit to a local food market where you will have an opportunity to shop for and taste the best ingredients this region has to offer. Upon returning to your Scenic Space-Ship, head to the Scenic Culinaire cooking school for an interactive cooking demonstration making some of France's most popular and delicious dishes using the ingredients you have just bought.

Back on board, your Cruise Director will organise a special treat for you, with a tasting of fresh Oysters delivered straight from the waters of Arcachon Bay.

**Enrich**

This evening's Scenic Enrich:

**Les Bassins de Lumiere:** You will be given after-hours access to Les Bassins de Lumières this evening, Bordeaux's former submarine base which has been transformed into an impressive art installation. On arrival, you will be welcomed with a glass of champagne and be immersed in the exhibit with an exclusive show.

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**Day 21**  
**Mon, 20 Jul**

**Bordeaux > Bourg (B,L,D)**

Today you'll continue your exploration of Bordeaux and its surrounding regions.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Cité du Vin Museum:** Take a local tram to the Cité du Vin Museum and enjoy an interactive journey of wine discovery. The Cité du Vin gives a different view of wine, across the world, across the ages, across all cultures and all civilisations.

**Tour Bordeaux by Motorbike & Sidecar:** Join your host as you cruise through Bordeaux in the side car and/or on the back of a motorcycle. Starting in the Chartrons district you will see the Place de la Bourse, the Porte Cailhau and Saint Croix before crossing to the right bank where you will explore the Saint-Pierre district.

**Visit Arcachon:** Join your local guide for a walking tour of the charming bayside town of Arcachon, finishing your visit at Baltard market, an undercover food hall where stallholders tout local delicacies. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore this elegant town yourself or wander to the seven-kilometre-long beach Plage d'Arcachon, which borders the main shopping and dining precinct.

This afternoon you'll enjoy time at leisure on board as you sail towards Bourg.

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**Day 22**  
**Tue, 21 Jul**

**Bourg (B,L,D)**

Your ultra-luxury Scenic Space-Ship will be docked in Bourg today, a picturesque town set on a rocky promontory. Built as a defensive château, it's a maze of ancient alleyways, moats and bell towers on the Dordogne.

**Freechoice:**

Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Bourg tour with carriages Museum:** Situated inside the grounds of Bourg Castle, visit the carriages Museum with a local guide and discover the unique collection of horse-drawn carriages on display. In addition, visit the 16th-century passageway to the guard's rooms and immense WWII oil tanks.

**Full day excursion to Cognac:** The fortified city of Cognac is renowned for producing some of the world's finest brandy. You'll be taken on a walking tour of the town and have some free time to explore on your own, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will travel to the breathtaking estate of famed Rémy Martin, which you will tour before sampling some of the cognacs.

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**Day 23**  
**Wed, 22 Jul**

**Blaye > Bordeaux (B,L,D)**

This morning you will sail towards Blaye. Most famously, this petite hamlet is home to a World Heritage-listed citadel that was constructed to protect Bordeaux city, from enemy attacks.

**Freechoice:**

This morning, choose your Scenic Freechoice activity:

**Walking tour of Blaye:** Stroll through the charming city of Blaye with a local guide, a World Heritage-listed monument that overlooks the Gironde Estuary.

**Active walking tour of Blaye:** Tour the fascinating citadel of Blaye on an active walking tour with a local guide. Gain an understanding of the defence system created by the famous architect Sébastien Vauban.

**Guided cycling along the Captain's Road:** Join an active cycling tour along the Captain's Road, which is named in honour of the WWI captains who chose to purchase their homes along this beautiful stretch of waterway in the early 20th century.

**Visit Château de la Roche Courbon:** In the 15th century, Château La Roche Courbon was built on a high cliff overlooking the River Bruant. Guests will discover this fortified castle transformed into a historic château with sprawling manicured gardens during a guided visit.

This afternoon your Scenic Space-Ship will make its way back to Bordeaux for your final evening on board.

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**Day 24**  
**Thu, 23 Jul**

**Bordeaux > Paris (B,D)**

Board your included flight from Bordeaux to Paris where you will embark on the luxurious Scenic Gem for your cruise along the magnificent Seine River.

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**Day 25**  
**Fri, 24 Jul**

**Conflans (B,L,D)**

Wake this morning in Conflans, a medieval town located at the confluence of the River Seine and Oise. Though it's just a short distance from the centre of the city, it feels a world away. A castle was built here by monks in the 9th century to protect the relics of Saint Honore, from whom the town gets its name. It became a popular pilgrimage site in the 11th century, a practice which lasted for more than 700 years. Wander the quiet streets and the riverside pathway, sip coffee at an open-air café, and admire the beautiful ancient church. From here, you can explore some of the outer regions of Paris.

**Freechoice:**

Today, choose one of our Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Visit to Auvers-Sur-Oise:** Transfer to the village of Auvers-Sur-Oise, the place where Vincent Van Gogh painted his final masterpieces, by coach. Throughout the town you will see landmarks that were immortalised by Van Gogh in some of his well-known artworks such as the famous Notre Dame de l'Assomption church. The tour includes entry to Van Gogh's room, an attic that he rented during his final months. The artist was the last occupant of this room, which has sat empty since 1890. Enjoy free time afterwards to wander through the village.

**Chantilly Castle and Gardens:** Chateau de Chantilly is a magnificent tribute to France's cultural heritage, built by Henri D'Orleans, the son of the last King of France. Take a guided tour of the castle and gardens, including some free time to explore the grounds. The chateau showcases some of the fine collections D'Orleans amassed during his life, which you can see displayed elegantly in the large gallery as well as the grand living areas used by this family.

This afternoon you'll spend time on board as your Scenic Space-Ship cruises back to Paris. Relax with a regional wine or beer in the Panorama Lounge & Bar; take some time out in the wellness centre, where you can enjoy a massage;, or head to the state-of-the-art gym for an invigorating workout.

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**Day 26**  
**Sat, 25 Jul**

**Rouen (B,L,D)**

Rouen is the vibrant capital of the Normandy region. With a fascinating history of Roman and Viking settlement, it has also played a pivotal place in history as the town where Richard the Lionheart was crowned Duke of Normandy and Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. Much of Rouen was sadly destroyed in World War II, but much of the city has been faithfully restored, including the exquisite Old Town. It's an engaging and historically rich destination, packed with museums, stylish bistros and coffee shops, and a wealth of churches, including the famed 12th century Rouen Cathedral.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Rouen city tour:** Victor Hugo once described Rouen as 'the city of a hundred spires' – find out why on a guided tour of the city, which takes you to the cathedral district, the old marketplace and Saint Maclou Quarter, home to another striking church. Feel as though you've stepped into a fairytale as you walk the winding medieval laneways and admire the half-timbered houses. Learn about Joan of Arc and see where she was tragically put to death after being tried for heresy and sorcery in 1431. Enjoy free time afterwards to explore on your own.

**Guided tour of Rouen with Rollo the Viking:** Authentically dressed as Viking warlord Rollo the Walker – who was famously too tall to ride a horse – your guide will take you around the city to learn about the Viking raiders who made Rouen their capital. This tour focuses on the city's medieval past and you will enjoy some free time afterwards to explore.

**Tastes of Normandy:** The region of Normandy is as diverse as it is abundant. The dairy industry makes way for the numerous and delicious soft creamy cheeses that are popular in this area and often regarded as some of the best in France. The high number of quality orchards allow the production of Cider and Calvados. Try some of the best this region has to offer during this tour.

Back on board this evening, join a lecture about WWII to gain a better understanding ahead of your full-day excursions tomorrow.

**Lecture on WWII:** History comes alive tonight with an interactive lecture on the battles of WWII. Discover what life was like during the campaigns of D-Day;, learn about Operation Fortitude, the plan created to deceive the Germany Army on the location of D-Day;, and see how technology had evolved since WWI.



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**Day 27**  
**Sun, 26 Jul**

**Honfleur (B,L,D)**

This morning your Scenic Space-Ship will dock right in the centre of Honfleur, a colourful coastal town that has been described as having one of the prettiest harbours in France, Le Vieux Bassin. Over the years the town has captured the imaginations of countless artists and was the birthplace of Impressionism. The bustling harbour and cobbled streets are a confection of half-timbered houses, restaurants, gourmet shops and art galleries. It's an easy walk from the ship to explore the harbour area and network of laneways beyond. You can choose to explore Honfleur or take an excursion today to the Normandy Beaches to learn about the D-Day Landings, where tens of thousands of allied troops came ashore on June 6, 1944, to free north-western Europe from Nazi occupation. Six weeks of heavy fighting and losses followed, but this strategic campaign ultimately ended the war.

**Freechoice:**

Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

**Walking tour of Honfleur:** From the ship, join a guided walking tour of Honfleur's harbour. You will see the Church of Sainte-Catherine, which dates to the 15th century and is France's largest church to be made entirely of wood with a separate belfry. Then visit the Garden of Personalities, a 10-hectare landscaped garden that features the busts of important French figures over time, including painters and navigators.

**Excursion to the Normandy Beaches Including Omaha Beach (US Focused):** Start at the memorial on Utah Beach, where more than 20,000 US troops landed, before a visit to Sainte-mere-Eglise, where 30 US Paratroopers landed during the invasion. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Normandy American Cemetery and Visitor Centre before a short stop at the Omaha Beach Memorial. Omaha Beach is often referred to as 'Bloody Omaha', as it resulted in the most casualties during the operation, with 2,400 dead.

**Excursion to the Normandy Beaches Including British Normandy Memorial (UK Focused):** The small town of Bayeux was the first to be liberated after the D-Day Landings and became the French capital for the summer of 1944, until the liberation of Paris. Visit the Bayeux War Cemetery, the Museum of the Battle of Normandy and the new state-of-the-art Landing Museum at Arromanches, located across the artificial harbour that was built to dispatch reinforcements. After lunch at a local restaurant, you will visit the British Normandy Memorial, which records the names of 22,442 fallen servicemen and women; the Pegasus Bridge & Museum, site of an important battle; and the Ranville War Cemetery.

**Excursion to the Normandy Beaches Including Juno Beach Centre (Canadian Focused):** Begin at Abbey d'Ardenne, which was founded in the 11th century and is now a memorial to Canadian Prisoners of War from D-Day. Explore the Juno Beach Centre, a memorial to where 20,000 Canadian troops, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then visit the poignant Bény-sur-Mer Canadian cemetery and Pegasus Bridge & Museum, site of an important battle.

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**Day 28**  
**Mon, 27 Jul**

**Caudebec-En-Caux (B,L,D)**

Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Caudebec-En-Caux this morning. This small town is set on a curve of the Seine and the riverfront is lined with handsome homes, stately gardens and crumbling stone walls. Caudebec dates back to the Middle Ages and a handful of historic buildings survived the bombardments of WWII, including the ornate 15th century Notre Dame Caudebec-En-Caux. From where you'll set out to explore more of the Normandy region.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way this morning with one of these Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Normandy Abbey Trail:** Spiritual health and wealth have been important in the Normandy region since the Middle Ages, and evidence of this remains through the many abbeys in the region. Today you will travel via coach to see some set along the river, including the ruins of Jumièges Abbey, a Benedictine Abbey that dates to the year 654 and was once home to a thousand monks. It was rebuilt many times over the centuries but eventually met its demise during the French Revolution.

**Rural e-bike cycling:** Join your local guide as you ride through the spectacular scenery surrounding Caudebec-En-Caux. Cycle across historic bridges, pass traditional houses with straw roofs and get an insight into local life.

**Normandy's secret Roman past:** History tells us that William the Conqueror was in his castle at Lillebonne in 1066 when he made his decision to invade England. Visit the ruins of this castle during an interactive guided tour, led by one of Caesar's soldiers who will tell you about the secret Roman past of the region.

**Fecamp and Benedictine Palace:** Take a coach transfer to Fecamp, an historic seaside town surrounded by some of the tallest cliffs in Normandy. You will join a guided tour of the Benedictine Palace, an architectural masterpiece built in the 19th century, famous for the Benedictine liquor that is produced on site and is said to contain 27 plants and spices. Enjoy a tasting during your visit.

Return to your Scenic Space-Ship for an afternoon at leisure. You may wish to spend the afternoon in the exclusive Salt Therapy Lounge, which provides natural anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties.

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**Day 29**  
**Tue, 28 Jul**

**Vernon > La Roche Guyon (B,L,D)**

This morning your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Vernon, an historic border town between the Duchy of Normandy and the Kingdom of France. Today it's a great base to explore nearby Giverny, known for its most famous resident, artist Claude Monet, who turned this quiet riverside town into an artist pilgrimage.

**Freechoice:**

Monet's House and Garden: Claude Monet is renowned as the founder of French Impressionist painting and today you will visit his house and gardens. Built by Monet, the gardens comprise a Japanese-inspired water garden with lilies, which inspired his most famous works. On arrival in Giverny, you will enjoy a guided tour of the town and visit Monet's residence, followed by free time to explore at your own leisure. The town is surrounded by hillsides and features many walking paths that are fringed by wildflowers.

Self-guided cycle from Vernon to Giverny: Take a self-guided biking tour from the ship in Vernon to Giverny (approximately five kilometres each way). When you arrive, you may wish to visit Monet's House and Garden or wander about the charming town, before returning to the ship.

After this morning's touring, you will return to your Scenic Space-Ship and sail towards La Roche Guyon, where this evening's exclusive Scenic Enrich experience will take place.

**Enrich**

Chateau de La Roche Guyon: All guests will take a short walk from the ship to Chateau La Roche Guyon, which is built into a chalk hillside and dates to the 16th century. It features decorative walls and ceilings as well as tapestries, and during WWII was the headquarters for German field marshal Erwin Rommel, known as Desert Fox. On your way to the chateau you will pass through the manicured orchard and vegetable gardens, which are kept by nine on-site gardeners, then walk uphill and across cobblestones. On arrival you'll enjoy a drink and sit for a splendid classical concert that focuses on music by French composers.

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**Day 30**  
**Wed, 29 Jul**

**Paris (B,L,D)**

Welcome back to Paris. Spend the day exploring some of the hidden treasures of this city, like the trendy district of the Marais, or venture south-east of the city to an exquisite chateau. You will also enjoy some free time to tick off big name sites like the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral.

**Freechoice:**

Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice options:

Trendy Marais with a local Parisian: Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Marais district with a Parisian guide. A melting pot of cultures, fascinating history, opulent architecture, an eclectic arts scene and high-end fashion, the Marais is one of the most diverse districts in Paris.

Highlights of Paris city tour: Join your local guide as you coach through the city seeing many of its most famous sights. Marvel at Paris' most iconic landmark, the Eiffel Tower, drive the famous Champs Elysee as well as seeing the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral and Concorde Square. This is a great introduction to Paris for guests who have not been before.

Chateau Vaux-le-Vicomte: Take a coach to the Chateau Vaux le Vicomte, located an hour's drive from Paris. This chateau is credited as the founding French formal garden that was the inspiration for Versailles. The property is laid out in a typical symmetrical fashion with its stunning gardens creating a theatrical setting.

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**Day 31**  
**Thu, 30 Jul**

**Paris (B)**

Today, bid farewell to the Scenic Gem and enjoy an overnight stay in Paris. Take a leisurely stroll along one of the city's charming boulevards or sample some of the local delicacies.

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**Day 32**  
**Fri, 31 Jul**

**Paris > London (B,D)**

From Paris, take a short flight to London, where you'll board the ultra-luxury Scenic Eclipse for your Baltic cruise.

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**Day 33**  
**Sat, 01 Aug**

**London ( Greenwich ) (B,L,D)**

Today, immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of this bustling metropolis, where every corner tells a story. Explore iconic landmarks like the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, St Paul's Cathedral and the Houses of Parliament. Soak up local culture and global art at renowned museums and galleries. Enjoy culinary delights at stylish restaurants and wander bustling markets. The River Thames offers scenic views and leisurely walks.

This evening, Scenic Eclipse II will sail out towards the coast along the River Thames. Stand on your private verandah to watch the city's sights recede under a setting sun.

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**Day 34**  
**Sun, 02 Aug**

**Scheveningen, Netherlands (B,L,D)**

Scheveningen is a vibrant coastal resort town on the North Sea, boasts 11 kilometres of sandy beaches and a lively pier. Stroll along the promenade lined with quaint cafes and shops, dive into maritime history at the Scheveningen Lighthouse and Museum, or walk through miniature representations of Dutch life at Madurodam.

It's also the sea port for The Hague, known as an international city of peace and justice. Admire the Binnenhof parliament buildings, Peace Palace and Noordeinde Palace, then visit some of the excellent art galleries.

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**Day 35**  
**Mon, 03 Aug**

**Elbe River – cruising (B,L,D)**

This morning, Scenic Eclipse II's elegant and sleek design will take you where other ocean cruise ships are unable to reach, sailing inland along the majestic Elbe River. You'll be immersed in the breathtaking vistas of lush landscapes and charming towns. Watch the world slip by from your private verandah or join your fellow guests in the Observation Lounge.

As the sun begins to set, sail into Hamburg, Germany's bustling maritime metropolis. Glide past historic landmarks and modern marvels as you approach the vibrant port city. Scenic Eclipse II will be docked here overnight, so you may like to go ashore and visit a traditional beer hall.

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**Day 36**  
**Tue, 04 Aug**

**Hamburg (B,L,D)**

Explore the rich heritage of Hamburg, from its maritime history to its modern architectural marvels. Wander along the picturesque waterfront, lined with charming cafes and bustling markets. Delight in the city's cultural treasures, from world-class museums to lively entertainment venues. Dine at cosmopolitan restaurants and trendy cafes where you can experience the city's innovative food scene.

This evening, picturesque landscapes await as we sail the Elbe River towards Brunsbüttel. Overnight the ship will sail through the famed Kiel Canal, a 98-kilometre marvel of engineering that connects the North Sea and the Baltic Sea.

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**Day 37**  
**Wed, 05 Aug**

**At Sea > Copenhagen (B,L,D)**

Take a break from exploration and indulge in the serenity of a day at sea on board Scenic Eclipse II. Start with a yoga class in the PURE studio, swim in the temperature-controlled Vitality Pools, treat yourself to a massage# at the Senses Spa or simply graze the day away at the Azure Bar & Café, surrounded by newfound friends.

As evening falls, you'll arrive in Copenhagen, a city that epitomises Scandinavian cool. See the city's lights illuminate the busy waterfront as the ship docks. Use this overnight in the city to immerse yourself in Danish culture, admire its renowned landmarks, and perhaps savour local culinary delights under the starlit sky.

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**Day 38**  
**Thu, 06 Aug**

**Copenhagen, Denmark (B,L,D)**

Known for its vibrant culture and historic charm, Copenhagen is one of Scandinavia's brightest jewels. The city is full of exceptional architecture, art, history and food. The Danish capital embraces conscious and sustainable living and is one of the world's best cities to explore by bike, so do as the locals do and get around on two wheels.

A late-night departure lets you to see the Tivoli Gardens transformed into a wonderland of lights. One of the oldest theme parks in the world, it was founded in 1843. Enjoy from nostalgic experiences to thrill seeker rides, including a wooden rollercoaster from 1914.

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**Day 39**  
**Fri, 07 Aug**

**Sassnitz, Rugen Island, Germany (B,L,D)**

Today we cross back into Germany and dock at Rugen, the nation's largest island. Set on the Baltic Sea, it's a popular resort island known for its striking chalk cliffs and white sand beaches. Explore the quaint streets of Sassnitz, lined with historic architecture that harks back to its time as a popular resort town in the late 19th century. Indulge in local delicacies, visit local art galleries and museums, and relax in its laid-back charm. Follow a coastal walk with stunning views of the Baltic Sea or venture into Jasmund National Park – at just 30 square kilometres, it's the smallest national park in Germany.

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**Day 40**  
**Sat, 08 Aug**

**Gdansk, Poland (B,L,D)**

One of the oldest cities in Poland, Gdansk dates to the 10th century and has long been at the crossroads of cultures trading across the Baltic Sea. The city was almost completely destroyed during WWII and the old town was painstakingly rebuilt to capture its former beauty. The vibrant facades are adorned with intricate details, while craft shops and boutique amber jewellers offer tempting treasures. The Church of Saint-Mary showcases the city's rich heritage, while the Long Market square features the Artus Court and the Gdansk History Museum.

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**Day 41**  
**Sun, 09 Aug**

**Visby, Gotland Island, Sweden (B,L,D)**

Come ashore at Visby and you'll feel as if you've stepped into a fairytale. This World Heritage-listed town on the island of Gotland is an exquisite example of Hanseatic architecture and its well-preserved medieval streets will transport you to another time. Explore its narrow laneways lined with timbered houses, winding rose bushes and ancient churches. Marvel at the grand Visby Cathedral, dating to the 13th century, and walk along the striking city walls. There's also a fascinating Viking history to uncover, with hundreds of graves and treasure hordes discovered near the harbour.

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**Day 42**  
**Mon, 10 Aug**

**Mariehamn, Aland Islands, Finland > Stockholm Archipelago cruise (B,L,D)**

Mariehamn is the capital of the Aland Island, an autonomous region of Finland. Explore its quaint streets adorned with colourful wooden houses and lush greenery or stroll along the picturesque waterfront promenade. Admire the historic ships at the Maritime Quarter, including the four-masted sailing vessel Pommern, and visit the excellent Aland Maritime Museum. After lunch, Scenic Eclipse II will set sail to cruise through the breathtaking Stockholm Archipelago, made up of more than 30,000 islands and islets. Arriving in Stockholm, an early dinner at one of up to 10 all-inclusive world-class dining experiences on board could be in order as you prepare to discover the vibrant heart of Sweden's capital city tomorrow.

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**Day 43**  
**Tue, 11 Aug**

**Stockholm, Sweden (B,L,D)**

The remarkable city of Stockholm is spread across 14 islands connected by 57 bridges. The capital of Sweden, it's a place of sophistication and history with each island neighbourhood offering its own unique charm. Spend the day exploring its treasures, from the enchanting medieval streets of Gamla Stan to the imposing Royal Palace and the fascinating Vasa Museum, home to the world's only intact 17th century ship. Learn about Swedish traditions at Skansen Ecomuseum, join the band at the entertaining and interactive ABBA Museum, and ride the Skyview, a glass-encased gondola, for incredible panoramic views over the city.

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**Day 44**  
**Wed, 12 Aug**

**Stockholm > Budapest (B,D)**

Today farewell the magnificent Scenic Eclipse and join an included flight to Budapest to board your Scenic Space-Ship for a journey along the Danube, Main and Rhine river.

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**Day 45**  
**Thu, 13 Aug**

**Budapest (B,L,D)**

Divided by the Danube, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other, this city became united in 1873 when a newly built bridge connected the two. The city is an architectural treasure trove comprising styles from Gothic to Art Nouveau and everything in between. It is also well known for its hot springs and thermal baths and has a vibrant nightlife scene.

**Freechoice:**

A range of Scenic Freechoice activities are on offer to choose from this morning:

**Budapest in Depth:** Explore this magical city by coach. Visit both Buda and Pest, the two districts that are separated by the Danube that make up the city. Starting on the Buda side see the Várkert Bazár before crossing the Margaret Bridge to the Pest side where you will see Széchenyi square and Elizabeth square. End your tour with a mesmerising piano recital at the Institute for the Blind.

**Budapest's Past & Present:** This walking and coach tour will give insight on Budapest's communist past and life today as part of the European Union, including the 1956 Hungarian revolution and the significant Jewish events that have shaped modern culture.

**Hospital in the Rock:** Experience the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock, set underneath the city's Castle district. The complex was built as a secret hospital during WWII and was later converted to a nuclear bunker. Discover the underground former hospital that is furnished with wax figures to give you the spirit of the place. This is an exciting part of history. The underground is moderately flat but there are a few stairs to get there and then again once inside.

**Thermal Baths:** Budapest is known for its thermal waters and today you can relax in the natural hot springs at Gellert Baths. The baths are said to have medicinal properties and are warm year-round allowing for a luxurious soak no matter what the season.

**Guided hike of Buda:** Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike through the Buda district of the city. On your walk, see Varket Bazar and beautifully landscaped gardens, all while enjoying great views over the Danube River and the city architecture.

This afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps you may like to hop on board Scenic's e-bikes (electronically assisted bicycles) to explore the city on two wheels or find one of the city's famous ruin bars – housed in abandoned buildings – to enjoy an afternoon drink. Alternatively, make your way back to your luxury Space-Ship to relax in the Panorama Lounge & Bar. You will set sail for Vienna later this afternoon.

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**Day 46**  
**Fri, 14 Aug**

**Vienna (B,L,D)**

Today, perhaps wake to a coffee delivered to your suite by your personal butler. Today enjoy the amenities on board as you continue to cruise towards the Austrian capital, Vienna.

Vienna oozes charm with magnificent Baroque buildings, ample green spaces from parks to vineyards, a vibrant coffee-house culture and masterpiece-filled galleries and museums.

**Enrich**

Tonight's Scenic Enrich:

Classical concert at Palais Liechtenstein : Breathe in the opulence and luxury of Palais Liechtenstein this evening as you relish an exclusive private classical concert. Enjoy a glass of fine Austrian Sekt and listen to the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart performed by a renowned orchestra. An experience only shared with your fellow Scenic guests, you'll be seated in Vienna's largest secular baroque hall, an ornate space where royals and nobles have sat for centuries. Accompanied by ballet dancers and vocalists and surrounded by world-famous art, this will be a concert that you'll remember for a lifetime.

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**Day 47**  
**Sat, 15 Aug**

**Vienna (B,L,D)**

Wake this morning with Vienna on your doorstep. A city full of grandeur, Austria's imperial capital is famous for having the world's most beautiful boulevard, The Ringstrasse, and for the legacy of the Habsburg monarchy. Also known as the City of Music, Vienna fostered the musical geniuses Mozart and Beethoven, among others. Sigmund Freud also lived and worked here in the late 19th century.

**Freechoice:**

Explore your way with a selection from today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Schonbrunn Palace: Explore Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburg family, one of the most prominent dynasties in European history. Wander its countless ornately designed rooms, hear tales about the royal family that lives here and see the impressive gardens.

Cycle to Danube Island: Explore a different side of Vienna on a guided e-bike tour to Danube Island, a recreational playground where locals come to enjoy bathing, boating, cycling and relaxing on its beaches and open spaces.

Central Vienna exploration: The city centre of Vienna is overflowing with history, elegance and diverse architecture. During this tour, your expert local guide will delight you with stories from the city before allowing you extended free time to explore as you wish.

Excursion to Bratislava: Take a coach to Bratislava, Slovakia's capital since independence in 1993. Bratislava is a modern multicultural metropolis with an intriguing history. Its Old Town is glorious in medieval and Gothic architecture and its well-preserved hilltop castle, which has history dating back to the 9th century, still dominates the town. These charming historic sites contrast with its brutalist socialist architecture, which is evident around the city. Take a tour with a local guide to see Bratislava Castle, the Hlavné Námestie, the main square and the Old Town Hall.

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**Day 48**  
**Sun, 16 Aug**

**Krems > Dürnstein (B,L,D)**

Today arrive in the charming town of Krems, located in the spectacular Wachau Valley where we have a variety of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from.

**Freechoice:**

Göttweig Abbey: Visit the magnificent Göttweig Abbey. Founded in the 6th Century, the abbey was burned down during the 18th Century and rebuilt to be one of the most magnificent in the Wachau Valley. Your local guide will take you through various rooms where you will see the magnificent frescoes that decorate the Abbey as well as its staircase, the largest Baroque Staircase in Austria."

Wachau Valley wine tasting: The Wachau valley is one of the prominent regions for wine growing in Austria. Today you'll visit a local winemaker and learn about the age old traditions of wine making while sampling delicious wines produced on site.

E-biking from Krems to Dürnstein: Join your guide on a bicycle tour along the Danube to the quaint village of Dürnstein. Pass by charming villages and scenic vineyard landscapes. You will have time to stop along the way to enjoy the breathtaking views of the Danube.

Later we cruise to the quaint town of Dürnstein. Surrounded by vineyards, the city has historical buildings that date back to the 12th century, including the hilltop ruins of Dürnstein Castle, where Richard the Lionheart was famously imprisoned between 1192 and 1193. Enjoy some free time exploring this charming town before we set sail.

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**Day 49**  
**Mon, 17 Aug**

**Brandstatt > Passau (B,L,D)**

**Freechoice:**

Today, choose from three completely different, yet equally fascinating Scenic Freechoice excursions.

**Full day excursion to Salzburg:** Today you will disembark your Scenic Space-Ship in Brandstatt, from here drive via coach to the beautiful city of Salzburg, Austria. Surrounded by alpine peaks and on the banks of the Salzach River, Salzburg is best known as the home of Mozart and The Sound of Music. This storybook city has a thriving art scene, music and concert halls filled with classical music, a Baroque old town where you'll find Mozart's birthplace, and Hohensalzburg, Central Europe's largest intact fortress, which sits high above the rooftops with panoramic views of the city. During a guided tour, explore this incredible city before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant and some free time at your leisure. You will return to your Scenic Space-Ship in the German city of Passau.

**Full day excursion to Cesky Krumlov:** From Brandstatt, journey via coach to the Czech town of Cesky Krumlov. This delightful World Heritage-listed town is brimming with charm. Sitting on the banks of the Vltava River, Cesky Krumlov is considered one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe with its vast array of well-preserved Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Wander this fairy-tale location with your local guide and explore the historic centre before delighting in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant and some time at leisure.

**Highlights of Passau:** Stay on board as you cruise to Passau. Situated at the meeting point of the Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers, Passau has been an important trading route for centuries, in particular for its trade of the 'White Gold', Salt. Visit the Old Town, situated on a narrow peninsula at the confluence of the 3 rivers and admire the brightly coloured buildings that line the waterways. Visit St. Stephens Cathedral: originally built in the year 450, the church proudly stood in Passau's Old Town until a devastating fire ripped through it in 1662. It was rebuilt in its current form with an Italian-style exterior complete with a Baroque stucco interior, and nowadays houses the world's largest Catholic church organ, which boasts 17,974 pipes and 233 registers.

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**Day 50**  
**Tue, 18 Aug**

**Regensburg (B,L,D)**

Boasting a staggering 2,000-year history, Regensburg has one of Germany's best preserved medieval town centres, with more than 900 of its Romanesque and Gothic buildings listed as World Heritage sites. Within its narrow laneways, the city lays claim to having the highest concentration of bars in the country.

**Freechoice:**

Today, Regensburg offers up a selection of Scenic Freechoice touring activities to choose from:

**Walking tour of Regensburg:** On the confluence of three rivers in Bavaria, Regensburg is known as the best-preserved medieval city in Germany. Guests will join a walking tour with a local guide to see the old stone bridge, the Church of St James, and the Porta Praetoria.

**Weltenburg Abbey:** Take a ferry through the Danube Gorge to Weltenburg Abbey, the oldest monastery in Bavaria, founded by monks in approximately 600AD. Explore the Abbey and Cloister Church, then sample the award-winning beer produced on site, which has been produced here since the year 1050 making it the oldest monastic brewery in the world.

**Thurn and Taxis Active Walking Tour:** Join an active walking tour from the ship to Thurn und Taxis Castle, where you'll enjoy a guided tour followed by free time. Thurn und Taxis is a German noble family who can trace their history back to the 12th century.

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**Day 51**  
**Wed, 19 Aug**

**Nuremberg (B,L,D)**

You will arrive in Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city today. Boasting an Old Town protected by an ancient city wall, where the most enchanting Christmas Markets are held every December, this city is dominated by one of the most significant imperial forts of the Holy Roman Empire, the 12th century Imperial Castle, which was the preferred residence of German kings.

Behind its charming façade, Nuremberg also has a turbulent history. During WWII, the city was favoured by the Nazis for party rallies, the boycotts of Jewish businesses began here, as did the laws that denied Jewish people German citizenship – known as the 'Nuremberg Laws'. By 1945, the city was reduced to rubble, including large sections of the Imperial Castle and Old Town. Allied powers – the US, Great Britain, France and the Soviet Union – held the Nuremberg Trials here between 1945 and 1946, when Nazi Germany leaders were tried for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

**Freechoice:**

Make your choice from this morning's Scenic Freechoice experiences:

**Walking tour of the Old Town:** You will drive into Nuremberg's city centre, passing by the city walls and courthouse before arriving at Augustinerstrasse. From here, your local guide will take you on a walking tour of Nuremberg to see the Imperial Castle, which overlooks the city, St. Egidien's Church and the market square.

**The trials and tribulations of WWII Tour:** Join your local guide and learn about the horrific events that occurred in Nuremberg during Germany's Nazi regime. Start by taking a drive to the Rally Grounds and explore the Memorium Nürnberger Prozesse, where subsequent trials of Nazi party members took place (on dates where Courtroom 600 is not available, this tour will visit the WWII Art Bunker instead).

**Nuremberg's Castle and City Walls:** The historic city of Nuremberg is yours to explore during this active walking tour. Explore the cobblestone streets surrounding the Imperial castle and admire the impressive city walls that remain since medieval times.

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**Day 52**  
**Thu, 20 Aug**

**Bamberg (B,L,D)**

Built on seven hills, this World Heritage-listed town has surprises at every turn. Intersected by rivers and canals, enchanting Bamberg has an Old Town resplendent with cobblestoned streets and well-preserved medieval buildings. A charming Old Town Hall which occupies an island on its own, a Gothic and Romanesque-style cathedral and the Old and New Residences – comprising an episcopal palace, a pretty 'Little Venice' and a 12th century castle that teeters on the highest of the seven hills.

**Freechoice:**

Stay in Bamberg or choose to explore further afield with this morning's Scenic Freechoice:

**Bamberg Old Town Tour:** Bamberg is known for its charming World Heritage-listed Old Town, one of Europe's largest intact old town centres. Learn about its fascinating history as you wander through stunning Medieval and Baroque buildings on a guided city tour.

**Excursion to Coburg:** Journey via coach to Coburg. The city overlooked by an impressive castle, often considered one of the largest and best-preserved forts in Germany. Visit the castle which now houses a fascinating museum showcasing a large collection of carriages, weapons, armoury and paintings by many renowned artists.

Back on board your Space-Ship, you may wish to spend time in the wellness centre with a soothing massage^.

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**Day 53**  
**Fri, 21 Aug**

**Würzburg (B,L,D)**

After a leisurely morning on board your Space-Ship, you will arrive in Würzburg. This Baroque city straddles the Main River in the heart of Franconian wine country. Surrounded by undulating vineyards, Würzburg is home to a World Heritage-listed palace, a dominating hilltop fortress, the 15th century Old Main Bridge, and three universities, including Bavaria's oldest.

**Freechoice:**

Spend your day at your preferred pace with one of the following Scenic Freechoice options:

**Guided city tour & Würzburg Residence:** A short transfer via coach is needed to get to the Würzburg Residence, a Baroque palace surrounded by manicured gardens. Upon arrival, guests will be taken on a guided tour of the palace to see its most beautiful rooms, many of which feature valuable paintings, tapestries and period furniture. Afterwards, take a short stroll into the city, where you will have some free time. Explore the shopping area and the many coffee houses, pubs and restaurants; if you're feeling energetic, you can climb up to Marienberg Fortress.

**Romantic Road to Rothenburg:** From Würzburg drive by coach to Rothenburg along the so-called Romantic Road, an important trading route during the Middle Ages. Your guide will regale you with the history and legends of some of the towns and villages you pass, some of which are more than 1,000 years old. Take a guided tour in Rothenburg, famous for its well-preserved medieval old town, to see the Gothic and Renaissance City Hall as well as the famous City Councillors' Tavern, where various clocks will show you the legendary story of the "Master Draught". After the guided walking tour, you will have free time to discover the city on your own.

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**Day 54**  
**Sat, 22 Aug**

**Wertheim - Miltenberg (B,L,D)**

This morning you will arrive in the historic town of Wertheim, sitting on the picturesque banks of the Main and Tauber Rivers.

**Freechoice:**

You have a diverse range of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from today:

**Wertheim tour and winery:** Start your day in Wertheim, an historic town filled with half-timbered houses. Enjoy an orientation tour and some free time to wander around town before being transferred to a local winery. Here you will meet the winemaker to gain an understanding of how wine is produced in this region of Germany.

**Gamburg Castle tour:** Transfer to the town of Gamburg where we will have a guided tour of Gamburg Castle. Here you will also meet the Baron and Baroness for a private reception and learn about their modern aristocratic life over a glass of sparkling wine.

**Miltenberg tour and local farm visit:** Visit a local farm where you will meet the friendly family who own and operate the property. Gain an understanding of daily farm life, see the animals and sample some of the local delicacies produced on site. Afterwards, transfer to the town of Miltenberg, where you will enjoy an orientation tour and free time.

**Schnapps tasting:** After an orientation tour and free time in Miltenberg, visit a local Schnapps distiller to understand how this fruit brandy is produced. Enjoy a tasting of the multiple flavours and free time in this delightful location.

After touring, you will embark your luxury Space-Ship in Wertheim am Main and set sail for Rüdeshheim. Enjoy some of the all-inclusive on board entertainment this evening as you sail through the night.



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**Day 55**  
**Sun, 23 Aug**

**Rüdesheim > Rhine Gorge (B,L,D)**

This morning you will disembark in Rüdesheim, a pretty town surrounded by steep vineyards that have been cultivating wine for a staggering two millennia. The charming town centre is filled with half-timbered houses lining cobbled streets, quaint shops selling trinkets such as cuckoo clocks, as well as a smattering of wine taverns and open-air beer gardens.

**Freechoice:**

Select one of this morning's Scenic Freechoice tours:

**Siegfrieds Musikkabinett & Cable Car:** Take a mini train from the pier to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, where some 350 musical instruments from the 18th and 19th century play themselves for your enjoyment. Then board a return cable car that soars over the vineyards to a hilltop where the historic Neiderwald Monument stands. This 17th century statue was built to commemorate the unification of Germany.

**Hike & Cable Car:** Join a local guide for a hike through the rolling vineyards of Rüdesheim, a wine region famous for its Riesling, and enjoy spectacular views of the countryside and Rhine River below. After your hike, board the cable car to return to town.

This afternoon, relax on board the Sun Deck and admire the scenic landscapes as you cruise along the spectacular World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, a 65-kilometre stretch of the river that is dotted with some 40 hilltop castles and fortresses that span a period of 1,000 years. Sailing down this section of the river is like being transported through the pages of a fairy tale book.

The Rhine is abounded in myths and legends; folklore that has been passed on for generations, including the story of Lorelei. This enchanting female was betrayed by her sweetheart and spent her days bewitching men. As her punishment, she was sent to a nunnery, however on her way she jumped to her death in the river. Legend has her spirit casting spells on sailors who passed the rock, where a bronze statue sits today.

**Enrich**

Tonight's Scenic Enrich

Classical Concert in the Beethoven Room at La Redoute recital hall

Attend a lavish dinner and classical concert where live music from Beethoven and Mozart will be played in the spectacular La Redoute recital hall in Germany's former capital, Bonn. Built by the last Elector of Cologne in 1792, this beautiful hall has hosted many important dignitaries over the centuries, including the Queen, Princess Diana and multiple US Presidents. Tonight, this elegant venue is just for you.

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**Day 56**  
**Mon, 24 Aug**

**Cologne (B,L,D)**

You will arrive in Cologne today, a city known for its liberal and laidback lifestyle, its unique beer culture, auto industry and the jaw-dropping cathedral that dominates its skyline. Settled by the Romans, this major cultural centre for the Rhineland was built during the Middle Ages but was largely destroyed during WWII. The magnificent Gothic cathedral, an enormous World Heritage-listed site that dates to 1248, was badly damaged but stood tall above the ruins of the city.

Discover Cologne during a walking tour. With your local guide, wander the laneways of the historical Old Town, which is home to breweries serving up draft Kolsch beer and enjoy free time to visit the city's centrepiece and icon, Cologne Cathedral.

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**Day 57**  
**Tue, 25 Aug**

**Amsterdam (B,L,D)**

Amsterdam is a treasure trove of architectural beauty, masterpiece-filled galleries, tranquil scenes of boats putting along 16th century canals, narrow cobbled laneways filled with boutiques and cafes, and streets busy with cyclists criss-crossing their way about town. Often referred to as the Venice of the North, much of the World Heritage-listed canal system exists today as it did hundreds of years ago, lined with well-preserved canal houses and intersected by charming bridges.

**Freechoice:**

Today choose one of the following Scenic Freechoice:

**Canal cruise:** Amsterdam has more than 100 kilometres of canals and today you will see some the prettiest sights of the city from these historical waterways. This one-hour cruise takes you along the Gentleman's Canal, where you will see The Skinny Bridge, and The Prince's Canal, which was known for its warehouses. You will go past the Old Lord Mayor's House, The Seven Bridges, Anne Frank's House and head to the Brewer's Canal. As the historic centre glides past, you can admire the elegant merchant's residences, churches and warehouses, dating from the Golden Age.

**Cycling tour:** Take a small ferry to the outskirts of the city for a biking tour. Amsterdam is known as the bicycle capital of the world, with more bikes than cars and over 35,000 kilometres of cycle paths. Your local guide will be at hand to offer information about everyday life of the Dutch people, many of whom you will see getting around on two wheels. Hop on one of Scenic's complimentary eco-friendly e-bikes (electronically assisted bicycles) and let it do the hard work for you as you take in the sights of the region.

**Excursion to Schermerhorn & Alkmaar:** Step outside of Amsterdam to visit the village of Schermerhorn, home to authentic windmills dating back to the 16th century. Take in the idyllic views of the sweeping Dutch countryside and learn about the importance of the windmills. You will also head to Alkmaar, a charming town with historic buildings and picturesque canals, also known as 'the city of cheese'.

**Walking tour of Amsterdam:** Explore Amsterdam on foot today, discovering the maze of canals and bridges in the city centre. Your guide will be covering history, modern lifestyle and Dutch culture. You also get to taste herring, a local delicacy not to be missed.

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**Day 58**  
**Wed, 26 Aug**

**Amsterdam (B,D)**

Bid farewell to your friendly crew before joining your Scenic Space-Ship to embark on a journey along the Dutch waterways, the mesmerising Moselle river and the picturesque Rhine river.

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**Day 59**  
**Thu, 27 Aug**

**Utrecht (B,L,D)**

This morning will be spent on board your luxury Scenic Space-Ship sailing towards Utrecht. Relax on the Sun Deck as you enjoy the scenery rolling by.

At lunch time you will arrive at Utrecht, a canal lined city boasting a multitude of green space, lively streets and hidden alleyways leaving you intrigued by what is around the next corner.

**Freechoice:**

Select from the following Scenic Freechoice activities and explore your way:

**Highlights of Utrecht:** The city of Utrecht is dotted with green parklands and lively canals lined with terraces and warehouses. The medieval Old Town houses the impressive Domtoren which acts as a beacon guiding its visitors back to the centre of the city. Explore all this and more during your tour with an expert local guide.

**Excursion to De Haar Castle:** A true fairy tale, De Haar Castle is the largest castle in the Netherlands and has all you could ever want from a castle and more. Cross the suspension bridge that spans the impressive moat to this truly remarkable castle. Inside, wander the rooms furnished with classic furniture and admire the turrets and towers, several offering wonderful views out to the spectacular rose gardens.

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**Day 60**  
**Fri, 28 Aug**

**Veere (B,L,D)**

You will arrive in Veere this morning, one of The Netherlands's prettiest villages whose historic harbour is filled with bobbing yachts. While its beginnings date to the 13th century, Veere flourished in the 16th century when it became an important port for Scottish wool. This prosperity lasted two centuries, and to this day Scottish ties are strong.

**Freechoice:**

A range of Scenic Freechoice activities are on offer to choose from this morning:

**Guided City Tour:** Discover many of the hundreds of heritage buildings of Veere on a guided tour. Set on the Veerse Meer Lake, the village is home to a harbour lined with Scottish merchant houses, a 15th century town hall with tower, a defensive tower that was later used as an inn and lighthouse, and Grote Kerk, an imposing Gothic church that has also been used as a hospital and poorhouse.

**Cycling Tour:** Join your local guide as you ride through the village of Veere, seeing all its key sights as well as the unspoilt natural beauty along the dykes in the surrounding area.

**Delta Works Visit:** Transfer from Veere to tour the Delta Works, a complex series of dams purposely created to protect the population on the Delta plain from flooding. Discover this impressive engineering feat and see one of the Storm Surge Barrier that make up the project.

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**Day 61**  
**Sat, 29 Aug**

**Antwerp (B,L,D)**

This morning you will arrive in Belgium's second city, Antwerp.

**Freechoice:**

Today offers a variety of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from:

**Guided walking tour:** Join your local guide on a walking tour through this beautiful city, known as the diamond capital of the world. Explore sights such as the impressive Cathedral of Our Lady, Steen Castle, the Medieval fortress, and main square lined with extravagant buildings.

**Excursion to Ypres & Passchendaele:** On a full day excursion from Antwerp, visit the towns of Passchendaele and Ypres to learn about the WWI battle of Passchendaele. Visit memorials dedicated to the 325,000 allied troops who perished during this terrible battle, learn about the strategies put in place to defend against the German troops and learn how this region was rebuilt in the aftermath. Tour includes lunch in a local restaurant.

**Excursion to Bruges:** Transfer via coach to Bruges where a local guide will walk you through the main sights of the city including the medieval centre. Highlights will include the medieval Bell Tower and the Belfry of Bruges. Please note: Due to uneven surfaces (cobblestone) and extensive walking, tour is recommended for guests with a high level of fitness.

**Craft Beer & Chocolate pairing:** Some of Belgium's most iconic culinary delicacies are Chocolate and Beer. Today join your local expert guide and take your taste buds on a journey of flavour while learning and appreciating how the complex flavours of local craft beer and chocolate pair.

Spend the afternoon exploring the city of Antwerp at your own pace or return to your Space-Ship.

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**Day 62**  
**Sun, 30 Aug**

**Arnhem (B,L,D)**

Located at the edge of the Veluwe nature reserve, the city of Arnhem offers a beautiful landscape surrounded by dense forest, lush green parklands and riverside promenades.

**Freechoice:**

Make your choice from this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice excursions:

**Arnhem Airborne Museum:** Visit the Arnhem Airborne Museum with your local guide to learn about the Battle of Arnhem. The Airborne Experience allows you to follow in the footsteps of British parachutists as they made their way to Arnhem in September 1944 and to meet the cheering citizens who had been oppressed by the German occupiers for four long years.

**Biking tour of Arnhem:** Join your fellow travellers on an active biking tour of the Arnhem region. Enjoy commentary from your local guide and take in the beautiful countryside as you stop at some key attractions.

**Netherlands Open Air Museum:** Discover the stories and immerse yourself in life in Holland from years gone by. Your local guide will take you on an exploration of this fascinating 44-hectare outdoor museum, to see replicas of historic houses, mills and farmhouses, and to learn about Dutch work, customs and traditions.

**Het Loo Royal Palace:** Het Loo Palace dates to 1685 and served as the royal family's summer home for centuries. Since 1984 it has been turned into an incredible museum showcasing the rich history of the Dutch royal family. Travel to the town of Appeldorn and admire the elaborately decorated rooms, an impressive collection of coach stables and the magnificent gardens of Paleis Het Loo.

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**Day 63**  
**Mon, 31 Aug**

**Düsseldorf (B,L,D)**

Your Scenic Space-Ship will be sailing towards Dusseldorf this morning.

Dusseldorf is an affluent city, which was dubbed 'Little Paris' by Napoleon. The city is filled to the brim with museums and galleries, one of the world's most luxurious shopping streets, an old town with around 260 pubs and bars, and a harbour precinct that blends the old with new: historic quay walls, warehouses and silos neighbour striking architecturally designed buildings by the likes of Frank Gehry.

**Freechoice:**

Choose from one of this today's Scenic Freechoice:

**City walking tour:** Explore Düsseldorf on a guided walking tour, from its gentrified harbour to its charming old town. Transformed from a once abandoned area to a haven of architectural masterpieces, Media Harbour is a fascinating mix of old and new. The Old Town is referred to as the world's longest bar for its high concentration of drinking spots and is also home to the 450-year-old city hall and Castle Tower, which dates to the 13th century.

**Cycling tour:** Cycle along the banks of the Rhine River towards one of the most historic regions of Dusseldorf, Kaiserswerth. Enjoy the wonderful scenery, including the fortress that has protected this region for over 1,000 years.

**Dusseldorf's Altbier:** Take the opportunity to learn all about Dusseldorf's long tradition of beer production. Visit some well-known microbreweries and sample some delicious Altbier, the traditional ale produced in this region. The beer is named for the old method in which it is produced, using top-fermentation.

**Dusseldorf – City of Art:** Dusseldorf is a fascinating city where medieval buildings and modern skyscrapers co-exist. Learn about the artistic heritage of Dusseldorf starting in the historic Old Town and making your way to the Media Hafen. Transformed from a once abandoned area to a haven of architectural masterpieces, Media Harbour is a fascinating mix of old and new. Your tour concludes at the K 21 Museum where you can take a self-guided exploration of the contemporary exhibits.

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**Day 64**  
**Tue, 01 Sep**

**Moselle Valley Cruising (B,L,D)**

Today sail along the curvaceous path of the Moselle River past quaint half-timbered villages, vine-covered slopes and hilltop castles that are perched proudly overlooking the river.

Relax in the opulence of your suite, many of which have a window that converts into a Scenic Sun Lounge, allowing you uninterrupted views to watch a rolling tapestry of the Moselle Valley during this full day of cruising. This afternoon you will be able to indulge in a Moselle Wine Degustation to sample local varieties. Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in the medieval town of Cochem this evening.

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**Day 65**  
**Wed, 02 Sep**

**Cochem (B,L,D)**

A medieval gem resting on the banks of the Moselle River, Cochem will make you feel as if you are stepping directly into a fairy-tale. The traditional town is nestled on the riverbanks, with pastel-coloured buildings, half-timbered houses, cobbled laneways and an enchanting medieval hilltop castle surrounded by sloped vineyards.

**Freechoice:**

Explore the charms of Cochem your way with your choice of Scenic Freechoice activity:

**Walking tour of Cochem:** Take a short transfer to Reichsburg Castle, which dates to the Middle Ages. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle, which features a knight's hall, trophy room and cellars, before wandering down to the Old Town seeing many historic buildings along the way.

**Cycling tour of Cochem:** Join a local guide and hop on one of Scenic's e-bikes to explore the town of Cochem and the surrounding region. See the impressive Reichsburg Castle sitting proudly above the city and ride through winding streets past half-timbered houses.

This afternoon you will set sail for Bernkastel.

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**Day 66**  
**Thu, 03 Sep**

**Bernkastel (B,L,D)**

Another wonderfully preserved riverside town, Bernkastel is home to an atmospheric market square with buildings that date to the 13th century, one of the world's most famous Riesling vineyards, Bernkasteler Doctor, and the ruins of Landshut Castle sitting high above on a hill, where archaeological remains from the 4th and 5th centuries were discovered in 2012.

**Freechoice:**

Decide how you will spend your day from the following Scenic Freechoice experiences:

**Walking Tour of Bernkastel:** Discover the town of Bernkastel, settled on the banks of the Moselle River. Your expert guide will explain the local architecture and culture during a guided tour and you will also have some time at leisure to discover Bernkastel on your own. Explore the pretty town with highlights including perfectly preserved half-timbered houses and the Renaissance-style Rathaus (Town Hall).

**Excursion to Trier:** Drive to Trier, a charming Roman city located near the Luxembourg border and the birthplace of Karl Marx. Explore this medieval town with a local guide to see the Porta Nigra, one of the best-preserved Roman gates in Germany, as well as the Trier Cathedral.

**Wine tasting along the Moselle:** The fertile banks of the Moselle River are a winemaker's paradise. Learn about the varieties that are grown and produced in this region at one of the most renowned wineries in the region. Guests will also have the opportunity to sample a selection of local wines.

**Enrich**

This evening's Scenic Enrich

**Classical Concert at Liebfrauenkirche, Trier:** Tonight, you are in for a special treat with a private classical concert in the breathtaking surroundings of Liebfrauenkirche, located in the heart of the Roman city of Trier. The Liebfrauenkirche, or Church of Our Lady, has been listed as a UNESCO world heritage site since 1986. During the concert, you can admire the incredible architecture and intricate stained-glass windows of the church as you are seduced by magnificent pieces of classical music.

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**Day 67**  
**Fri, 04 Sep**

**Koblenz (B,L,D)**

Located where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet, Koblenz has a melange of French and German cultures and it's one of Germany's oldest cities with a history spanning 2,000 years.

**Freechoice:**

Today's Scenic Freechoice are diverse and unique, decide what suits you:

**Guided walking tour of Koblenz:** Join your guide through one of the oldest cities in Germany. Explore the Florinsmarkt, the former political and economic centre of the city. On your way through the winding streets of the old town you will see impressive townhouses, each with its own unique history, charming squares and historic churches.

**Marksburg Castle:** From Koblenz drive to Marksburg Castle, perched high above the Rhine River. Tour this impressive medieval castle that holds the honour of being the only castle on the Middle Rhine that has avoided destruction over the years. The castle dates to 1117 and is a perfect example of medieval architecture. Note: This is for active guests only and requires a good degree of fitness and mobility.

**Medieval Limburg:** From Koblenz, travel by coach to the charming medieval town of Limburg an der Lahn. Here you will have the chance to walk the historic cobblestone streets lined with perfectly preserved half-timbered houses. Make your way up to the Cathedral that overlooks the city as well as the Alte Lahnbrücke, the Old Bridge that straddles the Lahn river.

Your Space-Ship will overnight in Koblenz, offering you the opportunity to explore the city after dark.

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**Day 68**  
**Sat, 05 Sep**

**Rhine Gorge > Rudesheim (B,L,D)**

Leaving Koblenz this morning you will cruise along the spectacular World Heritage-listed Rhine Gorge in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley towards Rudesheim. This 65-kilometre stretch of the river is dotted with some 40 hilltop castles and fortresses that span a period of 1,000 years. Sailing down this section of the river is like being transported through the pages of a fairy-tale book.

The Rhine is abounded in myths and legends; folklore that has been passed on for generations, including the story of Lorelei. This enchanting female was betrayed by her sweetheart and spent her days bewitching men. As her punishment, she was sent to a nunnery, however on her way she jumped to her death in the river. Legend has her spirit casting spells on sailors who passed the rock, where a bronze statue sits today.

This afternoon you will disembark in Rudesheim, a pretty town surrounded by steep vineyards that have been cultivating wine for a staggering two millennia.

**Freechoice:**

Make your selection for this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice tours:

**Siegfried's Musikkabinett Museum:** From the pier take a mini train through the quaint winding streets of Rudesheim to Siegfried's Musikkabinett Museum where a local guide will introduce you to the weird and wonderful mechanical musical instruments. Afterwards enjoy free time to wander the town or take the cable car up to the Niederwald Monument where you'll have breathtaking views over the river. This 17th century statue was built to commemorate the unification of Germany.

**Hike & Cable Car:** Join a local guide for a hike through the rolling vineyards of Rudesheim, a wine region famous for its Riesling, and enjoy spectacular views of the countryside and Rhine River below. After your hike, board the cable car to return to town.

Your Scenic Space-Ship will depart late this evening, allowing you some free time to wander the enchanting laneways of Rudesheim.

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**Day 69**  
**Sun, 06 Sep**

**Mannheim (B,L,D)**

**Freechoice:**

Your Scenic Space-Ship will arrive in Mannheim this morning, where you'll enjoy several Scenic Freechoice options:

**Orientation Tour of Heidelberg with free time:** From Mannheim, transfer by coach to Heidelberg. Enjoy a brief walking tour of the city, including the Old Town, and then enjoy some free time. The walking tour is not too strenuous but there are some stairs and uneven ground.

**Historical tour of Heidelberg:** As well as a guided tour of Heidelberg, this option includes a visit to Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. Explore the courtyard, the balcony that offers an incredible view over the Old Town and view the great Heidelberg Tun, the world's largest Wine Barrel located in the castle's cellar. Enjoy some free time before returning to your Scenic Space-Ship via coach. There are some stairs and uneven ground, but the walking tour is not too strenuous.

**Excursion to Bad Durkheim:** From Mannheim, it's just a short drive through stunning vine-covered landscapes to Bad Durkheim. On arrival, visit the renowned property of Fritz Ritter, a 9th generation family-owned vineyard that offers exceptional quality wine that you will have the opportunity to taste during your guided tour. This afternoon your Space-Ship will set sail for Kehl.

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**Day 70**  
**Mon, 07 Sep**

**Kehl > Strasbourg (B,L,D)**

The city of Kehl is the gateway to Strasbourg, the capital city of the Alsace region, where sherry-coloured, half-timbered houses heave together on the banks of a complex network of canals.

**Freechoice:**

A range of Scenic Freechoice activities are available for you to choose from today:

**Guided walking tour of Strasbourg:** Enjoy a guided walking tour of the charming town of Strasbourg, seeing many of the most important sights of the city including the Cathedral, Petit France and the Grand Ile. Strasbourg is located on the border of France and Germany and ownership of the town has changed hands many times between the two countries. Due to this, Strasbourg is a unique mixture of both French and German architecture and culture. Please Note: this is an active walk.

**Excursion to Mittelbergheim:** The French Alsace region is a culturally diverse wine-growing area that shares its border with Germany and Switzerland. Today you will visit the village of Mittelbergheim, a member of the Les Plus Beaux Villages de France ('the most beautiful villages in France') association. In Mittelbergheim, enjoy a tasting at a local wine cellar before going to the neighbouring town of Obernai, for some free time.

Your Scenic Space-Ship departs later this evening, which means you have free time to wander Strasbourg at your own pace.

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**Day 71**  
**Tue, 08 Sep**

**Breisach (B,L,D)**

Located between the Rhine River and the Black Forest, Breisach is a food and wine destination that shares its border with the Alsace region. It was almost destroyed during WWII but was meticulously rebuilt with its traditional cobbled streets and pastel houses.

**Freechoice:**

A diverse range of Scenic Freechoice experiences are on offer to choose from today:

Wine tasting at Kaiserstuhl: Volcanic rocks make up a large part of the central and western Kaiserstuhl thanks to numerous volcanic eruptions more than 16 million years ago. Because of its loose covered volcanic soils, the Kaiserstuhl is known as a very good wine-producing region. During your visit, sample some of these delicious wines.

Excursion to Colmar: A visit to Colmar is like stepping into a fairy tale. Likened to Venice due to its quaint canals, the city centre also features an abundance of historical half-timbered houses, some dating back a thousand years. Wander the cobblestoned streets lined with charming stores, cafes and don't miss the markets serving up delicious local produce.

Excursion to Freiburg: Located on the edge of the magical Black Forest, Freiburg is a picturesque city. Your local guide will escort you through the medieval town centre where you will see the Freiburg Munster, the cathedral that was one of only a handful of structures that survived the bombings during WW2. Return to your Scenic Space-Ship and toast to your final evening on board.

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**Day 72**  
**Wed, 09 Sep**

**Basel > Zurich (B)**

Farewell your Scenic Space-Ship this morning and transfer to Zurich where you will enjoy a two night stay.

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**Day 73**  
**Thu, 10 Sep**

**Zurich (B,D)**

This morning, take a walking tour of Zurich. Wander through the Old Town's winding streets, the medieval square of Niederdorf, walk across bridges over the peaceful Limmat River, and admire the 9th century Fraumunster Church with its renowned stained-glass windows created by legendary artist Marc Chagall.

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**Day 74**  
**Fri, 11 Sep**

**Zurich > Lucerne > Interlaken (B)**

Transfer via Coach to the beautiful city of Lucerne where you will have ample time to admire the picturesque natural beauty of the location. Here your Tour Director will take you on an orientation tour of the city where you will see the Jesuit Church, cross the quaint wooden Chapel Bridge and visit the Lion Monument, the detailed sculpture commemorating the Swiss guards who were massacred during the French Revolution. After some free time for lunch under own arrangements guests will transfer to Interlaken on a panoramic train where they will admire beautiful Swiss lakes surrounded by the mountains.

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**Day 75**  
**Sat, 12 Sep**

**Interlaken (B)**

**Freechoice:**

This morning, choose from 2 Scenic Freechoice excursions as you uncover the tranquilly of Interlaken:

Cruise on Lake Brienz, the spectacular alpine lake that offers breathtaking views of mountain scenery, picturesque villages and graceful castles.

Cogwheel Train: Discover Jungfrauoch, which is one of Switzerland's most popular excursions. Take the famed cogwheel train to the top of Europe, the peak of the Jungfrau. Enjoy fabulous views of the towns and valleys below.

This afternoon, you will enjoy some time at leisure.

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**Day 76**  
**Sun, 13 Sep**

**Interlaken - Montreux (B,D)**

Board the picturesque Golden Pass train through stunning scenery to the romantic Swiss town of Montreaux. Enjoy an orientation tour on arrival before free time to explore this charming resort town.

**Enrich**

Tonight's Scenic Enrich

You will be taken to a chalet-style Swiss restaurant in the mountains overlooking Montreux where you will be treated to a delicious meal accompanied by traditional live music. Members of the Alphorn Academy of Switzerland will introduce you to the cultural importance of the Alphorn, a long wooden horn that was traditional used by shepherds to call cows in from the pastures.

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<b>Day 77</b> <b>Mon, 14 Sep</b>	<b>Montreux (B)</b> Located on the Shore of Lake Geneva, this pretty lakeside town is a home away from home for many artists. <b>Freechoice:</b> This morning personalise your journey by your choice Scenic Freechoice excursions before lunch:  Sample local produce: Montreux is surrounded by rolling vineyards, and this morning you will have the chance to visit one of the region's best known wineries. Visit the cellar door and enjoy a tasting of fine wines in idyllic surroundings.  Chaplin's World Museum: Alternatively, learn about one of the 20th century's most celebrated artists during a visit to the Chaplin's World Museum.
<b>Day 78</b> <b>Tue, 15 Sep</b>	<b>Montreux &gt; Zermatt (B,D)</b> This morning transfer from the lakeside resort of Montreux to the alpine village of Zermatt, nestled at the foot of the world's most famous mountain, the 4,478-metre Matterhorn.
<b>Day 79</b> <b>Wed, 16 Sep</b>	<b>Zermatt (B)</b> Overlooked by the imposing and iconic Matterhorn, Zermatt is an idyllic carefree, car free village set amongst the most glorious natural beauty. <b>Freechoice:</b> Excursion to Gornergrat: Today perhaps ascend the Swiss Alps by rail to Gornergrat. For 125 years, this cog railway has been taking passengers to 3,100 metres above sea level, with mountains and glaciers as far as the eye can see, and the magnificent Matterhorn present at every moment, a craggy triangular peak standing sentinel in the Alps.  Alpine Cheese discovery: Learn about local cheese production at a local producer. Discover how the local Alpine conditions and herbs contribute to the flavours of cheese produced onsite.
<b>Day 80</b> <b>Thu, 17 Sep</b>	<b>Zermatt &gt; Schwangau (B,D)</b> Start the morning on a train journey onboard the Glacier Express to the quiet town of Chur. On arrival cross the border with Germany and head to the alpine region of Schwangau, overlooked by the famous Neuschwanstein Castle, that inspired the infamous Disney castle.
<b>Day 81</b> <b>Fri, 18 Sep</b>	<b>Schwangau (B)</b> Today you will be able to feel part of a fairy tale. After a short drive you'll arrive at the majestic Neuschwanstein Castle and have the chance to explore the opulent rooms of this castle before returning to their hotel to relax.
<b>Day 82</b> <b>Sat, 19 Sep</b>	<b>Salzburg (B)</b> Today we traverse the alpine valleys and rugged hills of the Salzkammergut region enroute to Salzburg. The hills truly are alive in this region, and you will recognise some of the marvellous landscape from scenes of the famous movie, The Sound of Music as you arrive at one of the most iconic musical cities in the world.
<b>Day 83</b> <b>Sun, 20 Sep</b>	<b>Salzburg (B)</b> Join your local guide that will escort you through this spectacular city seeing the iconic Mirabell Gardens, Mozarts' birthplace and residence as well as the Old Market Square.
<b>Day 84</b> <b>Mon, 21 Sep</b>	<b>Salzburg &gt; Vienna (B)</b> Today you'll travel to Vienna, stopping along the way in Steyer. Your Tour director will give you an orientation tour of this historic city before allowing you free time to explore at your leisure. This afternoon you'll arrive in Austria's grand capital, Vienna, a city full of grandeur, where you will spend the next two nights in a luxurious hotel. Known as the City of Music, Vienna fostered the musical geniuses Mozart and Beethoven, and Sigmund Freud also lived and worked here in the late 19th century. The city boasts the world's most beautiful boulevard, The Ringstrasse, a legacy of the Habsburg monarchy.

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**Day 85**  
**Tue, 22 Sep**

**Vienna (B,D)**

Today your expert local guide will show you around Vienna, which oozes charm with magnificent Baroque buildings, ample green spaces from parks to vineyards, a vibrant coffee-house culture and masterpiece-filled galleries and museums.

Embark on a guided tour to see the city's highlights such as the opulent Opera House, City Hall, the Hellenic-style Parliament Building, the sprawling landscaped gardens of Stadtpark, and Karlskirche (Church of St. Charles).

**Enrich**

This evening's Scenic Enrich: Tonight will be an unforgettable evening of classical music. Visit the grand Kursalon Renaissance Palace, where you'll be treated to an exclusive Strauss and Mozart concert, followed by dinner.

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**Day 86**  
**Wed, 23 Sep**

**Vienna (B)**

Depart Vienna after breakfast, taking with you memories that will last a lifetime.

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